

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claims 1-2, 7-9 and 24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-6 have been rewritten into independent form. No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment to place the present application in condition for allowance is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 3-6 will be pending.

At page 2 of the Action, claims 3-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As noted, claims 3-6 have been rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

At page 3 of the Action, claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 24 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 7,034,153 (Nakai et al).

Claims 1, 2, 7-9 and 24 have been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

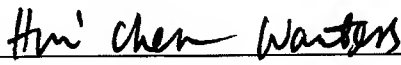
Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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